Columbus as an Example for Us to follow.

Text: —

Intro. the poem "Columbus" by Nancy Byrd Turner

the last verse of each stanza the divisions of our talk. At the close will read the entire poem

"I'll he had dreamed a dream, and he must be gone!"

Pro. 29:18 "Where there is no vision the people perish."

Acts 26 "19 Whereupon, O King Agrippa I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

1. The dream of Columbus had
our careful study; not a
wild dream of fancy, but
the truth based on fact.
The theory that the earth
was round was advanced
1800 yrs before Columbus.
Columbus simply demonstrated
the truth of this theory.

2. The true heavenly vision is
not a wild fancy.
A holy + Loving God is the
most certain reality of this
whole universe.
Jesus Christ is our surest +
fullest understanding of God.
We true don't need to prove
god + Christ, all we need
to do is to demonstrate
them in a world whose
need of God + is greater than ever

II "He had seen a Star, and he would not stay".

Paul (acts 26 19 Wherefore I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

but declared both to them of Damascus first, & at Jerusalem, & throughout all the country of Judea, & also to the Gentiles, that they should repent & turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance".

Many catch the vision of the K & his Kingdom for this earth, but are not willing to "go forth" in its behalf".

The star of Bethlehem is not fixed in the heavens but is moving forward, expecting us to follow.

III. "He had prayed a prayer and it must prevail."

Columbus felt himself not alone, but linked up to Providence & Truth, having a power greater than his own to help him.

Nor is the Xn left alone to carry out his mission of love. In holy communion with God he has a divine power at his disposal. He feels himself linked to God - God is helping him constantly. His purpose must prevail. Right must conquer wrong. God must destroy evil. The nations of the world must become members of God's Kgdm.

If I'd had pledged a soul,
and I'd not fail!

Columbus' whole life was
given to this one task - never
did he falter but sailed on and
on until he "Land" appeared.

2 Tim. 4:7 "I have fought the
fight, I have finished the course,
I have kept the faith: hence-
forth there is laid up for me a
crown of righteousness which
the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give to me at that day;
and not to me only, but
also to all them that have
loved his appearing.

All Xns who pledge their
very souls and spend their
lives in obedience to their
heavenly vision never
fail. Their work is never
in vain. Old mss. in Armin
50 yrs - unfinished.

COLUMBUS

By Nancy Byrd Turner

BACK and forth in his narrow room
The weaver's son at his weaving went;
And ever the strands upon the loom
In a curious pattern met and blent:
Shores of a strange new continent
Limned by the threads his hand had drawn,—
Till his life was shaken with discontent:
He had dreamed a dream, and he must be gone!

The people jeered in the market place
At the moody fellow they chanced to meet;
The dark queen listened with laughing face
To the stumbling story he must repeat;
The wise men scoffed in the staring street,
"A fool will perish in folly's way";
But they could not hinder his eager feet:
He had seen a star, and he would not stay!

The seas ran cold on his urging prows,
The sky line drowned in the dripping west;
His sailors muttered with sullen brows,
And cursed the dream in the dreamer's breast.
The wind came smiting at death's behest,
But he would not shorten one dipping sail;
His heart was sworn to a single quest:
He had prayed a prayer, and it must prevail!

Then, on the dark his flaming star,
Proof of his prayer in the thundering gale,
Land of the dream that he dreamed afar!
He had pledged his soul, and he did not fail!

Read poem:

Conclusion.

Columbus' India proved to be a new world, vastly greater than he ever dreamed.

Abraham Lincoln realized what he was building.

None of the disciples realized the full meaning of Jc's program for this world.

All true builders build far better than they can possibly imagine.